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Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



September 24, 2007

Still dry in Maryland This Week

Maryland farmers experienced some light spotty rains but overall conditions are still dry. There were **6.8** days suitable for field work for the week ending September 23, 2007. **Barley** seeding is 21 percent complete compared to 9 percent the previous year.

Corn was rated 29 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 18 percent good and 3 percent excellent while **soybeans** were rated 36 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 11 percent good and 2 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 21 percent very poor, 37 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 15 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 85 percent complete compared to 59 percent in 2006. **Hay supplies** were rated 31 percent very short, 41 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
Percent				
<u>Field Crops</u>				
Corn Mature	84	72	93	77
Harvested for Grain	31	21	29	28
Soybeans Turning Color	64	52	59	54
Dropping Leaves	31	19	34	27
Barley Planted	21	0	9	6
<u>Hay</u>				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	85	75	59	57
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	8	7	9	16
<u>Vegetables Harvested</u>				
Cucumbers	93	92	96	94
<u>Fruits Harvested</u>				
Apples	75	65	69	54

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average
Very Short	40	30	-	39	31	-
Short	40	44	-	42	45	-
Adequate	20	26	-	19	24	-
Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	23.43	-6.89	88	45	66	-2
Frederick	0.04	26.13	-2.92	88	42	64	2
Frostburg	0.00	31.59	-3.91	80	36	59	-1
Hagerstown	0.00	18.74	-9.71	89	42	65	-1
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.15	-10.44	81	46	63	-5
Patuxent River	0.01	21.49	-10.00	86	50	68	2
Ocean City	0.53	21.62	-12.34	80	54	69	2
Salisbury	0.00	22.18	-12.13	85	44	65	-3
Sharpsburg	0.00	24.33	-4.72	86	38	63	1
Stevensville	0.08	24.74	-6.61	85	53	66	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	21.72	-6.95	84	50	69	-2
Delaware							
Dover	0.38	24.97	-8.29	85	51	67	-2
Georgetown	0.15	22.41	-10.77	85	49	66	-1
Wilmington	0.21	29.31	-1.14	84	46	66	-1

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.